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## APR 277006

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| Application No. | Applicant(s) |  |
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| Examiner | Art Unit |  |

.- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address .. The amendment document filed on $3-23-06$ is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.
THE FOLLOWING MARKED $(X)$ ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:
$\square$ 1. Amendments to the specification:
A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
$\square$ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
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C. Other $\qquad$ $\square$ 2. Abstract:
$\square$ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
B. Other $\qquad$
$\square$ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
$\square$ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121 (d).
B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
C. Other $\qquad$
[D. 4. Amendments to the claims:
$\square$ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
$\square$ B The listing of claims does not indude the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
$\square$ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121 , see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at http://mww.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf .

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1. Applicant is given no new time period if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the entire corrected amendment must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
2. Applicant is given one month, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.

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